ISMAIL J. RAMSEY (CABN 189820) United States Attorney PAMELA T. JOHANN (CABN 145558) 2 Chief, Civil Division ELIZABETH D. KURLAN (CABN 255869) 3 Assistant United States Attorney 4 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36055 5 San Francisco, California 94102-3495 Telephone: (415) 436-7298 6 Facsimile: (415) 436-6748 Elizabeth.Kurlan@usdoj.gov 7 Attorneys for Defendant 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION 11 QIUHUA WENG, Case No. 3:24-cv-08619 LJC 12 Plaintiff, 13 STIPULATION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS; 14 {PROPOSED} ORDER DANIELLE LEHMAN, 1 Director of the San 15 Francisco Asylum Office, 16 Defendant. 17 Plaintiff, proceeding pro se, and Defendant, through her attorneys, hereby stipulate and 18 respectfully request the Court to stay proceedings in this case for a limited time, until September 30, 19 2025. The parties make this joint request because they are pursuing an administrative resolution that 20 may render further litigation of this case unnecessary. 21 1. Plaintiff filed this mandamus action seeking adjudication of her Form I-589, Application 22 for Asylum and Withholding of Removal. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services 23 ("USCIS") scheduled an interview for June 2, 2025. USCIS will work diligently towards completing 24 adjudication of the I-589 application, absent the need for further adjudicative action or unforeseen 25

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Danielle Lehman is automatically substituted as the defendant in this matter in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d).

circumstances that would require additional time for adjudication.

- 2. Plaintiff agrees to submit all supplemental documents and evidence to USCIS seven to ten days prior to the agreed upon scheduled interview. Plaintiff agrees that failure to timely submit this evidence may result in the rescheduling of the interview at no fault of USCIS.
- 3. If needed by Plaintiff or their dependent(s), Plaintiff shall bring their own interpreter to their asylum interview. *See* <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/alerts/affirmative-asylum-applicants-must-provide-interpreters-starting-sept-13">https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/alerts/affirmative-asylum-applicants-must-provide-interpreters-starting-sept-13</a>. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to bring an interpreter to their interview may result in the interview being rescheduled at no fault of USCIS.
  - 4. Upon receipt of USCIS' decision, Plaintiff agrees to voluntarily dismiss the case.
  - 5. The parties agree to bear their own litigation costs and attorney fees.

Accordingly, the parties stipulate and request that the proceedings in this case be stayed until September 30, 2025, at which time the parties will file a joint status report with the Court. At that time, the parties may request a further continuance of the stay of proceedings, dismissal of the litigation if appropriate, or placement of the case back on the Court's active docket. A stay of proceedings in this case will benefit the parties and conserve the Court's resources while the parties pursue a potential administrative resolution.

Dated: February 10, 2025 Respectfully submitted,<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In accordance with Civil Local Rule 5-1(i)(3), the filer of this document attests that all signatories listed herein concur in the filing of this document.

<u>/s/ Qiuhua Weng</u> QIUHUA WENG *Pro Se* Dated: February 10, 2025 <del>[PROPOSED]</del> ORDER Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED. Date: February 11, 2025 ISA J. CISNEROS nited States Magistrate Judge 

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